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SUBJECT: IDF RETENTION NEGOTIATIONS: 1958 AIR NAVIGATIONAL  
EQUIPMENT LOAN AGREEMENT

1. SHOULD YOU CONSIDER IT ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY, THE STATE-  
MENT IN PARA 2 BELOW CAN BE USED TO EXPLAIN PUBLICLY THE FAA  
LOAN EQUIPMENT TRANSFER. THE FAA IS CONCERNED THAT ANY  
STATEMENT THAT MAY BE PUT OUT COULD BE MISINTERPRETED BY  
KOFOED-HANSEN AND PERHAPS UNDO THE EMBASSY'S GOOD WORK IN  
MOLLIFYING HIM ON THE MATTER.

2. IN 1958, THE UNITED STATES AND ICELAND SIGNED A FIFTEEN  
YEAR AGREEMENT UNDER WHICH CERTAIN AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL  
EQUIPMENT BELONGING TO THE UNITED STATES WOULD BE LOANED  
FREE OF CHARGE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF ICELAND. THE ORIGINAL  
EQUIPMENT INCLUDED SUCH THINGS AS VHF/UHF AIR NETWORK  
RECEIVERS AND TRANSMITTERS AND ALL NECESSARY ANCILLARY  
EQUIPMENT, RADIO TEST EQUIPMENT AND TELETYPEWRITER EQUIPMENT  
UP UNTIL OCTOBER 1, 1973 WHEN IT EXPIRED, THE AGREEMENT HAD  
BEEN AMENDED TEN TIMES AS ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT WAS EITHER  
ADDED TO THE EXISTING EQUIPMENT OR SUBSTITUTED FOR THE OLD.  
WITH THE AGREEMENT EXPIRING ON OCTOBER 1, 1973, THE UNITED  
STATES FEDERAL AVIATION AGENCY AND REPRESENTATIVES OF  
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ICELAND'S CIVIL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION DISCUSSED THE FUTURE

STATUS OF THE LOAN EQUIPMENT, QUITE A BIT OF WHICH IS STILL  
IN USE, ASSISTING ALL TYPES OF AVIATION USING ICELANDIC  
AIRSPACE. IN RECOGNITION OF THE LONG-STANDING FRIENDLY

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE AVIATION INTERESTS OF ICELAND AND  
THE UNITED STATES, AND IN RECOGNITION OF THE CLOSE TIES  
BINDING THE TWO COUNTRIES, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ON  
APRIL 9 EXPRESSED TO THE ICELANDIC FOMIN ITS READINESS TO  
CONCLUDE WITH ICELAND AN AGREEMENT TO TRANSFER TITLE OF  
ALL THE LOAN EQUIPMENT UNDER THE 1958 AGREEMENT AND ITS  
AMENDMENTS TO THE GOVERNMENT OF ICELAND WITHOUT CHARGE.  
THE FOREIGN MINISTER ACCEPTED THIS OFFER. RUSH

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